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I believe that the proposed settlement will not hinder microsofts illegal ways. As someone that does not use microsoft products it is very hard for me to find ways to do things that most take for granted because of steps microsoft has taken to limit who can enter markets. One such example is watching DVD's. Another example is the fact that now microsoft is attempting to take over the set top box market along with the game console market _AND_ the embeded OS market. Left unchecked we could end up living in a world were everything depends on Microsoft to provide for us. Allow me to provide some examples:

I am taking for granted that the readers of this have all used Microsoft Operating Systems such as Windows 2000, XP, and the like. Also Im guessing that you have all had times when that operating system crashes for no reason what so ever. With that in mind lets look at a possable reality when microsoft has taken over the embeded market and most/all devices require a Microsoft Windows XP Embeded OS to run (such as the computers that control reactors and the like)

Now lets assume that someone you love is involved in a car crash or something else and must be put on life support. All of the equipment used to keep your loved one alive relies on embeded tech. to work and because microsoft has killed all compation in that market your loved ones life now relies on the fact that that microsoft product will not crash for some unknown reason. This scares me. it really does.

Lets look at another example, Microsoft is currently pushing its .Net project to be _THE_ company to goto when you need to establish an online ID such as what is used to identify you to your bank for online banking and to buy things online. After _ALL_ of the security problems microsoft has had would you really want to trust all of your personal information to a system that the same people came up with? I dont.

When you consider this settlement please keep in mind that for all the good (and I use the term loosly) that microsoft has done they have done much worse for the world. (Did you know that there was a time when computers did not crash many times a day?)

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